

A MEETING of the SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL will be held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, NEWTOWN ST. BOSWELLS AND VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS on THURSDAY, 23 NOVEMBER, 2023 at 10.00 AM.

All Attendees, including members of the public, should note that the public business in this meeting will be livestreamed and video recorded and that recording will be available thereafter for public view for 180 days.

N. MCKINLAY,
Director Corporate Governance,
14 November 2023

BUSINESS																				
1.	Convener's Remarks.																			
2.	Apologies for Absence.																			
3.	Order of Business.																			
4.	Declarations of Interest.																			
5.	<p>Minute (Pages 5 - 14)</p> <p>Consider Minute of Scottish Borders Council held on 26 October 2023 for approval and signing by the Convener. (Copy attached.)</p>	2 mins																		
6.	<p>Committee Minutes</p> <p>Consider Minutes of the following Committees:-</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tbody> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">(a) Hawick Common Good Fund</td> <td style="text-align: right;">16 August 2023</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">(b) Tweeddale Area Partnership</td> <td style="text-align: right;">22 August 2023</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">(c) External Services – Providers Monitoring</td> <td style="text-align: right;">28 August 2023</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">(d) External Services – Providers Monitoring</td> <td style="text-align: right;">29 August 2023</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">(e) External Services – Providers Monitoring</td> <td style="text-align: right;">5 September 2023</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">(f) Kelso Common Good Fund</td> <td style="text-align: right;">12 September 2023</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">(g) Selkirk Common Good Fund</td> <td style="text-align: right;">13 September 2023</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">(h) Cheviot Area Committee</td> <td style="text-align: right;">20 September 2023</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">(i) Audit</td> <td style="text-align: right;">25 September 2023</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	(a) Hawick Common Good Fund	16 August 2023	(b) Tweeddale Area Partnership	22 August 2023	(c) External Services – Providers Monitoring	28 August 2023	(d) External Services – Providers Monitoring	29 August 2023	(e) External Services – Providers Monitoring	5 September 2023	(f) Kelso Common Good Fund	12 September 2023	(g) Selkirk Common Good Fund	13 September 2023	(h) Cheviot Area Committee	20 September 2023	(i) Audit	25 September 2023	5 mins
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7.	<p>Regional Land use Framework (Pages 15 - 90)</p> <p>Consider report by Director Infrastructure and Environment. (Copy attached.)</p>	15 mins
8.	<p>Climate Change: Council Emissions and Public Reporting (Pages 91 - 126)</p> <p>Consider report by Director Infrastructure and Environment. (Copy attached.)</p>	15 mins
9.	<p>Live Borders - Joint Strategic Review of Sport, Leisure and Cultural Services and Facilities Report (Pages 127 - 484)</p> <p>Consider report by Director Resilient Communities. (Copy attached.)</p>	15 mins
10.	<p>Treasury Management Mid-Year Report 2023/24 (Pages 485 - 504)</p> <p>Consider report by Director Finance and Procurement. (Copy attached.)</p>	10 mins
11.	<p>Update on the Council Plan and Performance Management Framework (Pages 505 - 512)</p> <p>Consider report by Chief Executive. (Copy attached.)</p>	10 mins
12.	<p>Arrangements for By-Election for Jedburgh & District Ward (Pages 513 - 524)</p> <p>Consider report by Chief Executive. (Copy attached.)</p>	15 mins
13.	<p>Flag Flying Protocol</p> <p>Consider report by Chief Executive. (To follow.)</p>	15 mins
14.	<p>Motion by Councillor Anderson</p> <p>Consider Motion by Councillor Anderson in the following terms:-</p> <p>“Scottish Borders Council welcomes the Free Bus Travel Concession Schemes provided by the Scottish Government – but it is clear that the level of reimbursement provided to Bus operators is insufficient to support many rural routes. The legislation is clear:</p> <p>“12.(1) It is to be an objective (but not a duty) of the Scottish Ministers to provide that operators are financially no better and no worse off as a result of their participation in the Scheme, taking account of the costs (including a reasonable profit) of a well-run undertaking that is adequately equipped with the means to provide the eligible service.”</p> <p>This Council agree that the Leader write to the relevant Minister for the Scottish Government requesting that a review be carried out with regard to reimbursement and the disproportionately adverse effect this is having on rural local authorities.”</p>	5 mins
15.	<p>Motion by Councillor Sinclair</p>	5 mins

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16.	Open Questions from Councillors	15 mins																					
17.	Any Other Items Previously Circulated																						
18.	Any Other Items Which the Convener Decides Are Urgent																						
19.	<p>Private Business</p> <p>Before proceeding with the private business, the following motion should be approved:-</p> <p>“That under Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the relevant paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the aforementioned Act.”</p>																						
20.	<p>Minute (Pages 525 - 526)</p> <p>Consider private Section of Minute of Scottish Borders Council held on 26 October 2023. (Copy attached.)</p>	1 mins																					
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22.	<p>West Linton Toilet Provision</p> <p>Consider report by Director infrastructure and Environment. (To follow.)</p>	15 mins																					
23.	Union Chain Bridge/Hawick Flood Protection Scheme - Project Update	15 mins																					

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NOTES

- 1. Timings given above are only indicative and not intended to inhibit Members' discussions.**
- 2. Members are reminded that, if they have a pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest in any item of business coming before the meeting, that interest should be declared prior to commencement of discussion on that item. Such declaration will be recorded in the Minute of the meeting.**

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